

SITUATION REPORT NO. 1

INCIDENT NO. 95-34

DATE: March 15, 1995 TIME: 11:00 a.m.

TO: Governor Edward T. Schafer
State Capitol
Bismarok, ND 58504

1. NATURE OF DISASTER: Spring flooding in Emmons County and other areas of the state.
2. DEATH AND INJURIES: None at this time.
3. DAMAGE: In Emmons County, Beaver Creek was well over flood stage. Ice jams compounded the situation. In Linton, flood waters affected about 20 homes. One family was evacuated. A church, a motel, and other businesses were affected by the flood waters. Water was overflowing US Highway #83. The southbound lane had 4"-5" of water and traffic was routed around the city. Damage to Emmons County secondary roads occurred, but the extent of damage is unknown at this time.

In Barnes County, overland flooding in the Sibley area affected up to 8 homes and a hotel on Sunday, March 12, 1995.

In Grand Forks County, flooding due to the fast snowmelt caused ponding of water near Reynolds. Two homes were affected with one home getting 4"-5" of water in the basement.

In Steele County, runoff is going over roadways and low water crossings. One rural resident reported water in their basement.

It was reported a rural home in McIntosh County had basement seepage from overland flooding.

4. RESOURCES COMMITTED:

LOCAL: County Commissions, City Councils, county and city public works departments, fire departments, American Red Cross, rural electric cooperatives, law enforcement agencies, and emergency managers in the affected areas.

STATE: Governor's Office, ND National Guard, ND Division of Emergency Management, ND Department of Transportation, State Radio Communications, Civil Air Patrol, and State Water Commission.

FEDERAL: National Weather Service, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, U.S. Geological Survey, Office of Indian Affairs (VIA).

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VOLUNTEER ACTIONS: The Red Cross has been alerted to the Linton and Reynolds situations. Volunteers are assisting in sandbagging operations in Linton.

MAJOR ACTIONS: The Emmons County Commission issued a Declaration of Emergency on March 14, 1995. The

Linton City Council issued a Declaration of Emergency on March 14, 1995.

County and city public works departments are monitoring their individual situations, marking flooded and damaged roads, hauling sandbags and sand, pumping water, and taking other actions to protect lives and property.

The Civil Air Patrol flew a reconnaissance flight of Beaver Creek in Emmons County with a Division of Emergency Management staff member, the Emmons County Emergency Manager, and the Emmons County Road Superintendent on March 13, 1995.

The City of Linton conducted a sandbagging operation to protect homes and businesses in flood affected areas.

The Office of Indians Affairs flew a reconnaissance flight of Beaver Creek in conjunction with a flight of the Cannonball River and Grand River on the Standing Rock Indian Reservation on March 14, 1995.

At 7:30 a.m., March 15, 1995, the National Weather Service issued a Flood Warning for Apple Creek from Menoken Grove to the Missouri River. At 6:30 a.m., Apple Creek reached 15.6' six miles west of Menoken. Flood stage is 15.0'. Additional rises of 1-1 1/2' are possible. Water is running over 223rd Street north of McKenzie. East Boar Bridge is under water. Burleigh County made sand bags and sand available for individuals.

ASSISTANCE NEEDED: None at this time.

OUTSIDE HELP ON SCENE: None at this time.

OTHER INFORMATION: The Division of Emergency Management is working in conjunction with the Montana Disaster and Emergency Services to provide information to the National Weather Service. Up to 1 inch of rain fell in the Miles City and Glendive area on Sunday, March 12. Runoff from the rainfall and accelerated snowmelt can have an affect on the Yellowstone River. It was reported the Yellowstone River at Glendive is flowing with large chunks of ice. Lowland flooding is occurring.

The National Weather Service reports that warm temperatures combined with frozen ground have accelerated the runoff on a statewide basis, causing local flood conditions. A high potential of ice jams exists statewide because water is entering strXams that are still covered with ice.